



ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

PROPOSALS FOR INCREASED FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT

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1. Support the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation cases through the launch of the Elder Justice Website, development of a “successful practices” guide to creating additional Elder Abuse Forensic Centers, and creation of a National Resource Center for the Investigation and Prosecution of Elder Abuse.
2. Support and protect elder victims by improving identification of elder abuse and enhancing response and outreach to victims.
3. Develop a national Adult Protective Services (APS) system based upon standardized data collection and a core set of service provision standards and best practices.
4. Establish a coordinated federal research agenda to identify best practices for prevention of and intervention in elder abuse and elder financial exploitation.
5. Develop a strategic, multifaceted public awareness campaign including media relations, public service announcements, and online tools and information with clear and consistent messaging to raise awareness and understanding of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
6. Develop training to educate stakeholders across multiple sectors and disciplines on preventing, detecting, intervening, and responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
7. Bolster ability of financial services providers to address financial exploitation.
8. Reduce financial exploitation by fiduciaries through enhanced oversight and collaboration among federal and state entities.
9. Improve ability of APS and first responders to screen for diminished capacity, vulnerability to financial abuse, and whether individuals have been victimized.